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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

Regulation of Flight Safety
(Supplementary Assistance) (THA/74/009)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1979
Starting date of project activities:	July 1975 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	June 1981
To be executed by:	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Government implementing agency:	Department of Aviation
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$339 900
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The project[1/] is designed to establish a nationally self-sufficient Air Safety Division, within the Department of Aviation. Such a division is essential to the safe and efficient operation of civil aviation in the country. It has been estimated that, in order to be able to carry out its functions adequately, the Division requires a total professional complement of 24 officers. The project involves a combination of overseas and on-the-job training for each of the 24 staff members, while maintaining effective day-to-day operations as well.

1/ DP/PROJECTS/1093.

*In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and subsequent authorizations of the UNDP Governing Council, reports are issued seriatim on the approval of UNDP assistance of $250,000 or more (including, if any, assistance financed by Government or by third-party cost sharing).

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2. Implementation of this programme was interrupted by the UNDP financial constraints in 1976 with the result that the project could only be reinstated in May 1977. The effect of this initial curtailment of activities was to render the original time span of the project unrealistic, as it became apparent soon after commencement that such a work programme could not be accommodated within the original three years and that therefore a further two years extension would be necessary to complete the achievement of the project's immediate objectives.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The project revision involves no significant changes either in substance or design of the project as originally conceived. It merely extends its existing activities and training programme for an additional two years.

III. Financial data

4. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total approved
	$	$	$
International staff	301 600	234 800	536 400
Fellowships	28 200	99 000	127 200
Equipment	10 500	2 500	13 000
Miscellaneous	4 200	3 600	7 800
	344 500	339 900	684 400

4. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $258,700 in kind.